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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP AUGUST 27 - LUANDA

1. THE PRESS OF AUGUST 27 REPORTED THE USG DECISION TO HELP OUT IN THE AIRLIFT OF WHITES TO PORTUGAL. THE PUBLIC REACTION HAS BEEN ONE OF GREAT INTEREST, A SENSE OF RELIEF AND THE BELIEF THAT WITH THE U.S. INVOLVED EVERYONE THAT WANTS TO GET OUT WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. OUR ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT GOING TO STEM THE FLOW, BUT MANY WHITES ARE REASSURED THAT NOW, AT LEAST, THERE IS HOPE OF SETTING UP AN EFFICIENT OPERATION. THAT KNOWLEDGE MAY EVEN EASE THE PRESSURE A BIT AND I WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT REACTIONS TO OUR ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. MPLA AND FNLA FORCES IN MOCAMEDES SIGNED A CEASEFIRE UNDER THE TERMS OF WHICH FNLA IS TO LEAVE THE DISTRICT OF MOCAMEDES. FNLA ARMS ARE TO BE DEPOSITED WITH
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THE PORTUGUESE AND LATER DELIVERED TO THE MPLA.

3. BOTH THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY AND THE MPLA ISSUED BULLETINS ON AUGUST 26 IN WHICH THEY SAID THAT THE SITUATION AROUND CAXITO IS STATIONARY, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE UNUSUAL TROOP MOVEMENTS. THESE MOVEMENTS, SAID MPLA, HAVE NOT LED TO SIGNIFICANT CONFRONTATIONS.

4. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY REPORTED FIGHTING AT LUCALA AND SAID THEY ASSUMED FNLA HAD RETAKEN THE TOWN, WHICH HAS NOW CHANGED HANDS ABOUT FIVE TIMES SINCE JULY. MPLA MERELY SAID THERE HAD BEEN FIGHTING IN THE TOWN.

5. MPLA SAID THAT UNITA HAD TRIED TO RETAKE LUSO, BUT HAD BEEN PUSHED BACK.

6. THE STORY ABOUT UNITA COMMANDEERING A TAAG PLANE IN NOVA LISBOA TURNED OUT TO BE A FALSE INTERPRETATION OF A MESSAGE WHICH SAID THE PLANE HAD MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES AND HAD TO REMAIN AT NOVA LISBOA FOR SEVERAL HOURS. THE TAAG MANAGEMENT IS DETERMINED TO FLY INTO FNLA AREAS, DESPITE THE POSITION OF THE MPLA, WHICH IS TRYING TO BREAK ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE NORTH. THE MPLA ACTION COMMITTEE OF TAAG EMPLOYEES DENOUNCED THE FLIGHT ON AUGUST 26 OF A TAAG PLANE TO CARMONA. THE COMMANDER OF THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IN ANGOLA, BRIGADIER VALENTE, WENT TO CARMONA TO TRY AND RETRIEVE THE TAAG PLANE COMMANDEERED BY THE FNLA.

7. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE ISSUED AN ORDER ON AUGUST 26 REMOVING THE MANAGER AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONFIANCA E MUNDIAL DE ANGOLA INSURANCE COMPANY AND APPOINTED A MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER THAT THE BANKS WERE TAKEN OVER A SHORT WHILE AGO. CONFIANCA HAS RELATIONSHIPS WITH AMERICAN INSURANCE FIRMS AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF UNDERWRITERS HAD PLANNED TO OPEN A BROKERAGE OFFICE HERE TO SERVICE PETROLEUM FIRMS IN WHICH CONFIANCA WOULD PLAY A ROLE.

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8. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION EXHORTED THE PORT WORKERS TO GIVE THEIR ALL FOR THE MPLA AND AS A RESULT NEWSPRINT WILL BE OFFLOADED FROM WAITING SHIP AND THE TWO LUANDA PAPERS THAT HAD SHUT DOWN ARE BACK IN BUSINESS.

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